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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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ABIDJAN FOR YOUNG

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: BRIEFING OF COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA AHTISAARI

REF: USUN 1453

1. FRG COUNSELLOR VERGAU BRIEFED COMMISSIONER AHTISAARI
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OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA ON THE CAPE TOWN TALKS ON MAY 10,
AS AGREED BY WESTERN FIVE (REFTEL).AFTER VERGAU FINISHED,
AHTISAARI SAID HE WAS VERY SURPRISED AT WHAT THE FIVE
HAD ACHIEVED AND CALLED THE RESOLUT "VERY RESPECTABLE."
HE ASKED IF THE WESTERNERS HAD ANY EXPLANATION FOR THE
CHANGE IN SAG ATTITUDE. HE SAID THE RESULT SHOULD ALSO
BE BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION FOR SWAPO.

2. AHTISAARI FORESAW THREE PROBLEM AREAS:

A) THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY
CANNOT BE TOO SIMILAR TO THE TURNHALLE
INTERIM GOVERNMENT;

B) A SOLUTION OR COMPROMISE ON THE MILITARY
PRESENCE OF SAG MUST BE REACHED; THEY MUST
WITHDRAW BEFORE ELECTIONS, OR SWAPO WILL NOT
CONSIDER THE ELECTIONS FREE;

C) CONCERNING POLITICAL PRISONERS, HE SAID
SWAPO BADLY NEEDS THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL
PRISONERS IN SOUTH AFRICA TO STRENGTHEN
THEIR SUPPORT, BUT STRESSED THAT WESTERN
FIVE SHOULD NOT INSIST ON SWAPO RELEASING
THEIR PRISONERS IN ZAMBIA OR TANZANIA;
SWAPO COULD NOT AFFORD TO DO THIS BECAUSE IT WOULD
SPLIT AND DESTROY THEIR ORGANIZATION. AHTISAARI
ADMITTED INCONSISTENCY OF THIS POSITION, BUT
STRESSED THAT IF THE WEST INSISTED ON THIS
POINTS, THERE WOULD BE NO PROGRESS IN GETTING
SWAPO AGREEMENT TO JOIN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

3. VERGAU EXPRESSED HOPE THAT STUDIES THAT AHTISAARI WAS
INITIATING IN THE SECRETARIAT ON NAMIBIA AND SC RES 385 WOULD NOT
FOCUS PREMATURELY ON SPECIFIC DETAILS OF IMPLEMENTATION,
THEREBY REDUCING FLEXIBILITY OF PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE
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NEGOTIATIONS. AHTISAARI SAID THAT HE WAS FULLY
AWARE OF THIS PROBLEM.

4. AHTISAARI CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT HE FOUND
THE RESOLUTS OF THE FIVE POWER MISSION TO CAPE TOWN
TO BE VERY IMPORTANT AND ENCOURAGING AND EXPRESSED
APPRECIATION FOR THE BRIEFING (WHICH HE KNEW WAS ON
BEHALF OF THE WESTERN FIVE).
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